His Majesties

MESSAGE

TO THE

LORDS and *COMMONS*

in Parliament, Sept. 5.

Together with

A Declaration of the Lords and Commons in Parliament.

In Answer to the said MESSAGE.

Also the humble Answer and Petitition of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament unto the Kings last Message bearing date the fifth of *September*.

Lunæ 5o. September. 1642.

ORdered by the *LORDS* and *COMMONS* in Parliament, That this bee forthwith Printed and Publisshed:

John Brown Cler. Parl.

H. Elsynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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H. Elſynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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His MAIESTIE MESSAGE

To the Lords and Commons in Parliament, *September the* fifth.

WEe will not repeate what meanes Wee have used to prevent the dangerous and distracted estate of the Kingdome, nor how those meanes have been interpreted, because being desirous to avoid effusion of blood, Wee are willing to decline all memory of former bitternesse that might make Our offer of a Treaty lesse readily accepted.

Wenever did Declare, or ever

intended to Declare both Our Houſes of Parliament Traitours or ſet up Our Standard againſt them, and much leſſe to put them and this Kingdome out of Our protection; Wee utterly Proteſt againſt it before God and the world And further, to remove all poſſible Scruples which may hinder the Treaty ſo much deſired by Vs, We hereby promiſe, ſo that a day be appointed by you for the revoking of your Declarations againſt all Perſons as Traitors or otherwayes; for aſſiſting of Vs, We ſhal with all cheerefullneſſe upon the ſame day recall Our Proclamations and Declarations, and take down Our Standard; In which Treaty Wee ſhall bee ready to graunt any thing

thing that ſhal be really for the good of Our *Subjects*; Conjuring you to conſider the bleeding condition of *Ireland*, and the dangerous condition of *England*, in as high a degree as by theſe Our offers Wee have declared Our ſelfe to do: And aſſuring you that our chiefe deſire in this world is to beget a good underſtanding and mutuall confidence betwixt Us and our two houſes of Parliament.

A Declaration of the Lords and Commons in Parliament; In Answer to his Majesties Message,

Septem. Lunæ 5.

WHereas his Majesty in a Message received the 5. of September, requires that the Parliament would revoke their Declarations against such persons as have assisted His Majesty in this unnaturall war against His Kingdome; It is this day ordered, and declared, by the Lords and Commons, that the armes which they have been forced to take up, and shall be forced to take up, for the preservation of the Parliament, Religion, the Lawes and Liberties of the Kingdome, shall not be laid downe, untill His Majesty shall withdraw His Protection from such persons as have been voted by both Houses to be Delinquents, or that shall by both houses be voted to be Delinquents, and shall leave them to the Iustice of the Parliament, to be proceeded with according to their demerits, to the end, that both this and succeeding generations may take warning with what danger they incurre the like hainous crimes; and also to the end that those great charges and dammages wherewithall the Common-wealth hath been burthened, in the premisses sithence His Majesties departure from the Parliament, may be borne by the Delinquents, and other malignant, and Disaffected Persons, And that all his Majesties good and well-affected Subjects, who by Loane of monies, or otherwise at their charge have assisted the Common-wealth, or shall in like manner hereafter assist the Common-wealth, in time of extreame danger, may be repayed all sums of money by them lent for those purposes, and be satisfied their charges so sustained, out of the said Delinquents, and of the malignant and disaffected party in this Kingdome.

To

To the Kings most Excellent *Majesty*, The humble answer and Petition of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament unto the Kings last Message bearing date the fifth of *September*.

May it please your Majesty.

IF Wee the Lords and Commons in parliament assembled should repeat all the wais we have taken, the endeavours we have used, and the expressions wee have made unto your Majesty to prevent those distractions and dangers your Majesty speaks of, likely to fall upon this Kingdome, we should too much enlarge this reply, therefore as we humbly, so shall we only let your Majestie know, that we cannot recead from our former answer for the reasons there expressed, for that you have not taken down your Standard, recalled your Proclamations & Declarations, whereby you have declared the actions of both Houses of Parliament to be treasonable, and their persons traytors, and you have published this same since the 25 of *Aug.* by your late instructions sent to your Commissioners of *Array*, which Standard being taken down, and the declarations, proclamations, and instructions recalled, if your Majesty shall then upon this our humble petition leaving your forces, returne unto your Parliament, and receive their faithfull advice, your Majesty will finde such expressions of our fidelity and duties as shal assure you that your safety, honour, and greatnesse can only bee found in the affections of your people, and the sincere Counsell of your Parliament, whose constant and undiscouraged endeavours and consultations have passed through difficulties

unheard

unheard of, only to ſecure your Kingdomes from the violent miſchiefs and dangers now ready to fall upon them, and every part of them who deſerve better of your Majeſty, and can never allow themſelves (repreſenting likewiſe your whole Kingdom) to be ballanced with thoſe perſons whoſe deſperat diſpoſitions & counſels prevail ſtil ſo to interupt al our indeavours for the releeving of bleeding Ireland, as wee may feare our labours and vaſt expences wil be fruitles to that diſtreſſed Kingdome, as your preſence is thus deſired by us, ſo it is our hopes your Majeſty will in your reaſon beleeve there is no other way then this, to make your ſelfe happy and your Kingdome ſafe.

Iohn Browne Cler. Parliam.

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